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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

ETHAN T. ALBINO, RN License # 26NR15482600

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which revealed that Ethan T. Albino ("Respondent"), a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey, was arrested on October 26, 2015 and charged with one count of violating N.J.S.A. 2C:11-5(b)(3)(a) (Vehicular Homicide On Or Near School Property) and five counts of violating N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1(c)(3) (Assault by Auto/Driver Drunk). It is alleged that Respondent was driving while

intoxicated at 5:10 a.m. and was involved in a two motor vehicle accident which resulted in the death of an occupant of the other vehicle.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent is presently engaged in drug or alcohol use that is likely to impair his ability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(1). Additionally, the allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in, or was convicted of, acts constituting a crime or offense relating adversely to the practice of nursing according to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(f), the Board may order any person, as a condition for continued or reinstated licensure, to submit to evaluation, testing, and monitoring which may be required to evaluate whether continued practice may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(e), the Board may order any person, as a condition for continued or reinstated licensure, to secure professional treatment as may be necessary to properly discharge the functions of a licensee.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to his ability to defend any action brought based on

the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS TO DAY OF WOVEMBER, 2015, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders his license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey, to be deemed a temporary suspension, pending disposition of the criminal charges and until further Order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward his paper nursing license, both wallet and wall versions, to Barbara J.K. Lopez, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on behalf of the Board of Nursing.
- 2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding himself out as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.
- 3. The Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement from Respondent unless and until Respondent can demonstrate that he is fit and competent to practice, has undergone a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse

evaluation through the Recovery And Monitoring Program (RAMP) of New Jersey, and can present a writing from RAMP, supporting his return to practice and specifying the conditions, if any, under which such return to practice should take place.

- 4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.
- 5. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.
- 6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board, if warranted, from initiating further disciplinary action after the disposition of the criminal case or at the time of any petition for reinstatement based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

License # 26NR15482600

Consent as to form and entry.

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